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# ENTENTE ALLIES GAIN IN FRANCE

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### TAKE LARGE QUANTITIES OF WAR MATERIALS

#### Heavy Counter-Attacks Against the British Were Repulsed With Large Losses to the Germans—The Advance by the British Straightens Out the Salient That Had Projected Into the German Forces Between Thieoval and Courcellette—Berlin and Vienna Report the Repulse of Russians Near Stanislaw and in the Carpathians—The Italians Have Captured Strong Positions From the Austrians.

German positions exceeding four miles in length were captured Saturday night and Sunday by the British and French armies in the continuation of their offensive north and south of the Somme river in France. In addition, large quantities of war material and a large number of prisoners fell into the hands of the entente allies—700 prisoners being taken by the French alone. Heavy counter-attacks against the British Sunday were repulsed with large losses to the Germans, according to London.

Near Thiepval the British took a fortified position over a front of a mile known as "the Danube trench," near Courcellette an advance of about 1,000 yards was made and finally the strongly defended position near Mouquet farm, over which there had been numerous hard fought battles for several weeks, fell into their hands.

South of the river the French pushed back the Germans and occupied the remainder of the town of Verdun. Villers and Berry still in their hands and also captured all the ground between Verdun and Denicourt and between Denicourt and Epernay, the gain being over a front running northeast two miles and thence east and south.

The advance of the British apparently straightened out the salient that Thiepval and Courcellette had projected into the German lines between the Albert-Bapaume and Albert-Bapaume railways. Grandcourt is now being bombarded by the British. The success of the French seemingly obviates another attack on the entire front of the Somme a mile another move of the right flank of the entente toward the positions of Peronne.

Hard fighting, with the Russians the aggressors, has been resumed from the Priest march across the Russian front in Galicia and up in the Carpathian Mountains. Berlin and Vienna claim the repulse of heavy assaults of the Russians of about 12 miles in the Priest march of Lutz in Galicia north of Zborov, near Stanislaw and in the Carpathians at several points. Near the Marjalka river, however, Berlin admits that the front of Archduke Charles' army has been pushed back by the Russians a short distance. Petrograd reports an advance for the Russian front of Brzezany, south of Lublin, and of about 2,000 Germans in the fighting along the Aradovka river and the Podvysk-Holka railway.

Unhappily reports the occupation of additional towns in Transylvania, where both Berlin and Vienna assert that the forces of the Central Powers in Dobruja are still in pursuit of the retreating Rumanians and Russians.

Further progress on the Macedonian front and by the Italians in Albania is recorded in London, Paris and Rome communications. Kavala on the Aegean set, which is held by Bulgarians, is under bombardment by the entente. Sofia, according to the press, is under attack from the Bulgarians in the south of Monastir, while the Serbians have reached the immediate outskirts of Vranje and Kajmakalan in successful fighting against the Bulgarians. Heavy bombardments are in progress on the various other sectors.

In the Carso region of the Austro-Italian theatre the Italians in their quest of Trieste have won strong positions from the Austrians in sanguinary fighting. Southeast of the Dobrova Heights the penetration of the Austrian lines is admitted by Vienna, but the official communication says the Italian losses were extremely heavy, owing to the large number of troops engaged in the small fighting area.

#### FRENCH AND RUSSIANS ADVANCE IN MACEDONIA. Serbians Have Defeated the Bulgarians South of Monastir.

Paris, Sept. 17, 2:27 p. m.—French and Russian troops advancing rapidly on the western end of the Macedonian front have arrived in front of Florina, close to the Serbian border, south of Monastir, the French war office announced in this afternoon's official bulletin.

Further east, the Serbians are advancing on both sides of Lake Ostrova, defeating the Bulgarians in engagements near Kajmakalan and continuing to throw troops across the River Drin, where the Bulgarians are repulsed on the right bank of the river.

#### SUCCESSFUL RAIDS BY BRITISH PATROLS. Raided German Lines North of the Sois River, in France.

London, Sept. 17, 6:26 p. m.—Successful raids by British patrols in the

## Cabled Par

Sir Thomas L. ... rinton Dead. London, Sept. 17, 4:30 a. m.—Sir Thomas L. ... rinton, consulting physician to St. Bartholomew's hospital, died Saturday. He was widely known as a writer on medical subjects. He was born in 1844.

#### Death of Sydney Paget.

London, Sept. 18, 3:30 a. m.—Sydney Paget, well known as a turf man, died in London Saturday. He was widely known as a writer on medical subjects. He was born in 1844.

#### TIDEWATER BOATMEN VOTE TO GO ON STRIKE

Demand Better Working Conditions and Increased Pay.

New York, Sept. 17.—The Tidewater Boatmen's Union, with a membership it was said, of 3,000, tonight voted to go on strike. No date was set for the strike, but it was expected to start as early as Monday. The union is in a dispute with the boatmen's employers over wages and working conditions. The union is in a dispute with the boatmen's employers over wages and working conditions.

#### HEADS OF THE TRANSIT LINES DECLARED TIGHT

Service on subway and elevated lines continued normal, which, although successful improvement was noted on all surface roads.

Few attempts at violence were reported by the police today. Several mass meetings were held in various parts of the city but there was no disorder. At one gathering the "financial and moral" support of the Socialist party was assured to the striking carmen.

#### BRITISH ARE USING TRAVELING LAND FORTS

Steel Land Ship of Immense Power and Wonderful Capacity.

London, Sept. 15, 3:45 a. m.—Credit for the new "traveling land forts" which have been used during the last few days on the "British front," belongs to two men, Lieutenant Colonel E. D. Swinton of the Intelligence department of the general staff, and Major E. D. Swinton of the Intelligence department of the general staff.

"These long, low, dust-colored fortresses have no resemblance to motor cars," said a British official. "They are built on a chassis of immense power and wonderful capacity. In practice they can climb walls, push through dense woods, cross rivers and ford swamps, and are capable of great maneuverability in and out of battle."

#### PRESIDENT WILSON GOING TO HIS SISTER'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Annie E. Howe Died in New London Saturday.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 17.—President Wilson left here at two o'clock today for New London, Conn., to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Howe, who died yesterday in New London, Conn. The President will arrive in New London at 10 o'clock today and will remain here until Sunday.

#### CEBU WAR BOARDED IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

Was Only One and One-Half Miles From Caraga Island.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Two British officers commanding the boarding party which recently boarded and examined the Philippine steamer Cebu within Philippine territorial waters were confirmed in a supplementary report of the incident received at the war department today from Governor-General Harrison. The report confirmed previous statements that the vessel was boarded while only one and one-half miles from Caraga Island.

#### GOING TO BORDER TO TAKE VOTES OF GUARDSMEN

Christopher L. Avery of Groton and William C. Cheney of Manchester.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 17.—Announcement was made tonight that Governor Marcus H. Holcomb has appointed ex-Senator William C. Cheney of Manchester and Christopher L. Avery of Groton as commissioners to go to the Mexican border and take the votes of the guardsmen in the presidential election under the terms of the special legislation enacted last week. Mr. Cheney will represent the republicans and Mr. Avery the democrats. They will be paid \$5 per day and expenses.

#### THREE MEN LOST THEIR LIVES IN A FIRE

When the Eagle Bridge Hotel Was Burned Near Troy, N. Y.

Troy, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Three men lost their lives tonight when the Eagle Bridge hotel in Eagle Bridge, this county, was burned. The dead are Timothy Burns and Fred Shepard of Eagle Mills and John Johnson of Cambridge, N. Y. Burns was an employee of the Boston and Maine railroad and Johnson was a police officer. Shepard worked at the hotel. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## Story of a Man Who "Came Back" Through Guard Rail

### FORMER BRITISH OFFICER JOINED FRENCH ARMY AS PRIVATE

### REGAINED HIS HONORS

### Colonel John Ford Elkington Had Been Dismissed by Courtmartial After Thirty Years of Service—Is Now in England.

London, Sept. 8 (Correspondence of The Associated Press).—All England is ringing with the story of Lieutenant Colonel John Ford Elkington—one of the strangest romances of the modern world. The story is the story of a man who, after thirty years of service in the British army, was dismissed by courtmartial for desertion, and then, after a long and eventful life, returned to England and regained his honors.

Lost in the mazes of the western battlefields—a mere legionnaire in the ranks—Colonel Elkington, late of the Royal Warwickshire, was not forgotten. None of his old friends, his old fellow officers, none of the men who had seen him win the queen's medal for valor in the Crimea, were aware of his whereabouts until he was found in a French hospital, where he had been hiding for some time.

#### Errors Wiped Out.

But now Elkington is back in England. He has been reinstated in the British army and is now serving in the ranks of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire.

#### Had Been Cashiered.

In the London Gazette, at the end of October, 1914, had appeared the crushing announcement that Elkington had been cashiered by sentence of courtmartial. The cashiering was not a punishment, but a mere administrative act.

#### Knees Are Shattered.

Colonel Elkington did not pass unscathed through his life. His knees are shattered. He is now in a wheelchair.

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Fourth Biennial Session Is Being Held in Washington.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The fourth biennial session of the National Conference of Catholic Charities is being held here today. The conference is a gathering of representatives of Catholic charitable organizations from all over the United States.

#### RUMOR THAT BREMEN WAS NEARING NEW LONDON

Tugs Went Out, But No Submarine Was Sighted.

New London, Conn., Sept. 17.—A persistent report from apparently reliable sources that the German submarine U-101 was in the vicinity of New London, Conn., was today disproven. The submarine was not sighted.

#### MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING AT BENNINGTON, VT.

Man's Body Found Beside Railroad Tracks Near His Home.

Bennington, Vt., Sept. 17.—An autopsy today upon the body of William Connelley, a mill hand who was found dead beside the street car tracks near his home last night, disclosed that he had been shot. The bullet holes in the back of the head, Dr. B. H. Stone, the state pathologist, expressed the opinion that it was a case of murder.

#### THE TENNESSEE TROOPS ORDERED TO EL PASO TO RELIEVE RHODE ISLAND AMBULANCE CO.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 17.—In pursuance of an announcement by the war department that national guard troops recently ordered to the border to relieve the ambulance company stationed there, in order that the entire guard may have field training, General Funs-ton today announced that the Tennessee troops were ordered to El Paso.

#### BULGARIANS LOST 5,000 MEN IN THREE HOURS

In the First Clash Between the Serbians and the Bulgarians.

London, Sept. 18, 2:45 a. m.—"The Bulgarians lost 5,000 men in three hours of fighting in the first clash between the Serbians and Bulgarians in eastern Dobruja," says Reuters' Odessa correspondent.

## Auto Killed Through Guard Rail

### FOUR PERSONS INSTANTLY KILLED IN NEW YORK

### HURLED ABOUT 25 FEET

### Two Others Are Not Expected to Live and Four Are Seriously Hurt—Chauffeur Had Taken Car Without Permission.

New York, Sept. 17.—Four persons were killed early today in an accident involving a motor car which was hurled about 25 feet below a bridge across the Harlem river. The car was driven by a chauffeur who had taken the car without permission.

The dead are Mrs. Mary Newman, daughter of Hyman Hamide, Carl Spangenberg and Thomas Hair, all of New York city. Miss Mae Hart and Francis Kane are thought to be fatally injured. Miss Wilson, a friend of the deceased, was also injured.

#### DESTRUCTION WROUGHT BY GERMAN SUBMARINES.

26 Merchant Vessels Sunk Between Sept. 3 and 11.

Berlin, Sept. 17 (By Wireless to Sayville).—The destruction by German submarines in the period from Sept. 3 to 11 of 26 merchant vessels of hostile belligerents with tonnage aggregating 240,000 tons, was announced today by the German navy department.

#### OBITUARY.

Seth Low.

New York, Sept. 17.—Seth Low, former mayor of New York and one of the great civic leaders of the city, died today at his country home, Broad Brook Farm, Bedford Hills, N. Y. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Low's most recent activities were exerted in an effort to find a solution to the differences between the railroad brotherhoods and the railroad companies. He had long been consulted by the railroad companies and the railroad brotherhoods.

#### THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING A BILL UNDER WHICH THE STATE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RAILROADS.

Twenty thousand dollars in prizes will be offered to sailors from all parts of the country in an aviation contest to be held in Wichita, Kan., from Oct. 25 to 27.

#### Lieut. Commander Watson Reported to Navy Department That Walter Sawyer, First-Class Seaman, Had Fallen Overboard from the U. S. S. Albatross and Drowned in Hampton Roads.

#### THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED THE MINISTER AT STOCKHOLM TO JOIN WITH THE ENTENTE MINISTERS IN PRESENTING A FRIENDLY BUT FIRM NOTE TO SWEDEN IN REGARD TO ITS POLICY OF NEUTRALITY.

#### Mayor James Lennon, of Yonkers, Wrote to the Public Service Commission at Albany Complaining at the Failure of the Second District Board to Take Action Toward Settling the Street Car Strike.

#### THE COAST GUARD BOARD ON LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES WILL MEET IN BOSTON, SEPT. 25 TO EXAMINE PLANS AND TEST INVENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION FOR SAVING LIFE AND PROPERTY AT SEA.

#### Arthur Peebles—Smith one time a well known photographic chemist, died in the New Rochelle hospital from internal injuries received when he was struck by an automobile at the corner of North and Fifth Avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y.

#### Col. H. J. Slocum, who was commander at Columbus, N. M., when the Villa raid took place, has been assigned as brigade commander at Laredo, Texas, where he will take charge of the brigade composed of Maine and New Hampshire guardsmen.

#### Greece to Maintain Neutrality.

London, Sept. 17, 7:10 p. m.—Mr. Krieger, the new Greek premier, declares that the new government will observe the most benevolent neutrality towards the entente, says a Reuters despatch from Athens today. "He repudiates allegations that he is Germanophile," adds the despatch, although he confesses that he is an admirer of Germany.

## Condensed Telegrams

A New York Produce Exchange seat was sold for \$1,825.

Copper exports for the week ended Sept. 14 totaled 5,445 tons.

The first snow of the season was reported falling at Little Falls, Minn.

The French Chamber of Deputies adopted a bill authorizing the new war loan.

Josiah Royce, professor of history of philosophy at Harvard University, is dead.

Fifty drivers at a branch office of the Adams Express Co. went on strike.

Robbers entered the Sea Girt Post Office at Sea Girt, N. J., and escaped with \$600.

Japan's exports of cotton goods for the first six months of 1916 amounted to \$23,415,000.

The Third New York Regiment arrived at Camp Whitman from the Mexican border.

E. C. Roth, of Buffalo, N. Y., was re-elected president of the National Association of Insurance Agents.

Louis E. Laroque of New York, who was drowned August 9, 1913, left an estate amounting to \$231,203.

George H. King, superintendent at Brookside Farm, Newburgh, N. Y., is seriously ill with infantile paralysis.

Active steps were taken by the British government to head off the threatened strike of English railway employees.

A new embargo on trade with Northern European countries was imposed by the British War Trade Department.

The Germans are reported to have seized 200 locomotives, 2,500 other pieces of rolling stock belonging to the Belgian railway system.

Thomas Gilmore of Albany, president of the New York State Council of Carpenters, dropped dead at a railway station at Port Jervis, Texas.

The two Tennessee regiments ordered to the border will be placed at Eagle Pass instead of Fort Clark, as first announced by General Funston.

William L. Robinson, who received the Victoria Cross for bringing down a Zeppelin in a recent raid on London, was presented with a public gift of \$2,500.

Anna Leach of New York, was cashed in by an auto truck of the Adams Express Co. when it skidded at Second Avenue and 14th Street.

Syracuse was selected for the next annual conference of the bricklayers' union. The meeting will be held at the closing session of this year's meeting.

Arrangements for the construction at Anniston, Alabama, of five electric steel furnaces at a cost of \$1,000,000, by the Alabama Power Co., was announced.

Secretary of Navy, Daniels, announced that plans have been made for the building of the world's greatest hospital ship at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Two light barges in tow from Boston and injured in an explosion with the steamer Gloucester, Baltimore to Boston, during a fog in Vineyard Sound.

The British Press Bureau announced that five persons were killed and fifteen injured in an explosion which took place in a government munitions factory.

The superdreadnought Arizona, just completed at the New York Navy Yard, will be commissioned under command of Captain John D. McDonald on Oct. 15.

According to a report made to the State Probation Commission, New York State has 12,251 residents who are under supervision from some court or penal institution.

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The French Government has instructed the minister at Stockholm to join with the Entente ministers in presenting a friendly but firm note to Sweden in regard to its policy of neutrality.

## EIGHT ARRESTS MADE FOR BLACKMAIL

### Gang is Said to Have Cleaned Up More Than a Quarter of a Million Dollars

### WORKED AMONG WEALTHY MEN AND WOMEN

### They Are Accused of Fleecing Persons of Social Prominence in Chicago, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia—Used the Beauty of Their Women and the Fascination of Their Men to Compromise Their Victims and Then Blackmail Them—Forty Thousand Dollars Said to Have Been Obtained From One Victim—Captured in a Carefully Planned Raid.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Eight members of an alleged blackmail gang, charged with using the beauty of their women members and the fascinating powers of their male confederates to mult wealthy men and women out of more than \$250,000 are in custody of federal authorities here today and will be taken to Philadelphia for trial. The gang, including five men and three women, were arrested shortly before midnight last night in a raid by department of justice officers on a fashionable South Side apartment hotel.

#### Fleeced Men and Women.

They are accused of fleecing men and women of social prominence in Chicago, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia through organized efforts. Their scheme, according to Hutton G. Clabaugh of the department of justice, was to compromise their victims and then blackmail them.

Some, it is said, are men prominent in political life, who were approached while at the republican convention here last June. During the raid, the chief offences charged against the gang were the obtaining of \$40,000 from one person and \$35,000 from another, Clabaugh said. The authorities expect to reveal the names of the victims.

Those arrested gave the names of Henry Russell, Edward Donahue, Helen Evers, Mrs. Frances Allen, Mrs. Edward Donahue, James Christian, Frank Crocker and George Bland. Group, in all, alleged director of the group, is said to be at large.

#### Kidnaped One Victim.

The chief charge against the band is the alleged kidnapping of Mrs. Regina H. Clifford of Philadelphia, one of their alleged victims. She was spirited away to Canada, it is charged. The chief offences charged against the gang were the obtaining of \$40,000 from one person and \$35,000 from another, Clabaugh said. The authorities expect to reveal the names of the victims.

#### HUGHES STARTS ON SECOND TRIP TODAY.

Will Visit Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

New York, Sept. 17.—Charles E. Hughes, who is on his second trip to the south, left today for Chicago, Ill., to begin his tour of the southern states. He will visit Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Mr. Hughes will be gone two weeks, returning to New York October 1 for his third and last campaign trip. The trip on which he starts tomorrow will take him through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin. In addition, he will make several speeches in New York state, one at Pittsburgh and one at Erie, Pa.

The number of speeches Mr. Hughes will deliver on his trip will be much larger than on his transcontinental tour. His busiest day will be Friday, in Indiana. There are thirteen cities and towns down for speeches or addresses on that day.

Mrs. Hughes will accompany the nominee. The party will travel by special train.

#### THREE YOUNG WOMEN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

When Log Cabin in Which They Were Sleeping Caught Fire.

Paul Smith, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Miss Margaret Nichols, daughter of the Rt. Rev. William E. Nichols, Episcopal bishop of San Francisco, Calif., and her two sisters, Misses Augusta and Helen Scatch of New York, had narrow escapes from a fire which broke out here, early today when a log cabin, in which they were sleeping caught fire and burned to the ground.

Miss Nichols was trapped in the cabin and had to leap ten feet from a window, while the other young women groped through smoke and flames until they reached an open door in the rear of the house. The cabin was one of a group comprising the "Wild Air" summer camp of Mrs. Whitlaw Reid, widow of the late ambassador to Great Britain.

Mr. Reid's Mrs. Hamilton McKay Tamblay of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills Reid were sleeping in another cabin. They were rescued by the fire department in time to save most of their belongings before the fire spread and destroyed their house and two with appendages, including a collection of elk, moose and buffalo heads, collected by the late Mr. Reid and prized by him, were burned.

#### PRINCE ALBERT HAS AN ABDOMINAL ABSCESS.

The Second Son of King George Has Been Invalided Home.

London, Sept. 17, 3:45 p. m.—Prince Albert, second son of King George, has been invalided home on account of an abdominal abscess, says a Reuters despatch from London today. The communication adds that the prince, who has undergone an operation, is doing well, but will be unable to return to another duty.

Prince Albert, while serving as a midshipman on board the battleship Collingwood at the outbreak of the war, was taken to sea and operated on. The prince is 21 years old.

#### POSSE AMBUSHED BY BANDITS THEY PURSUED

In the Everglades South of Miami—Two Were Killed and Two Wounded.

Miami, Fla., Sept. 17.—Four bandits who robbed the National Bank of Homestead, Fla., Friday, ambushed a posse pursuing them in the Everglades south of here today and killed two men and wounded two others. After the encounter they were trailed into a dense swamp, where it was believed they were hiding, but they had been surrounded.

#### Movements of Steamships.

New York, Sept. 17.—Steamer Lafayette, Bordeaux for New York, signaled 135 miles east of Ambrose channel yesterday at noon. Dock 6 a. m. Monday.

Reports that the railroad situation and a loan are being considered are strongly denied.